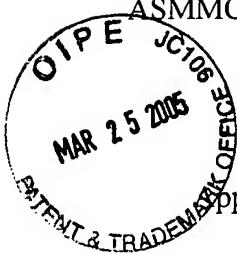


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In an action mailed February 22, 2005, the Examiner required restriction of prosecution to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I Claims 43-54, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 758; and

Group II Claims 1-42, drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 118.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect to proceed, without traverse, with prosecution on the merits of Group II (Claims 1-42, drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for examination on the merits, and respectfully requests the same. Please charge any additional fees,

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including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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